

Sinclair Broadcasting's decided to force all their TV stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Is this an example of the dangers of deregulation and media consolidation?

The FCC gives TV stations like Sinclair's monopolies on public airwaves free of charge. In turn those TV stations are obligated by law to serve the public interest. Hence the recent fines of many Fox stations.

Sinclair's actions suggest that we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.